IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT APPLICATION

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING HYDROGEN OPTICAL

EMISSION ENDPOINT DETECTION FOR PHOTORESIST STRIP AND

RESIDUE REMOVAL

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

The Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated February 21, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1-2, 6-7, 9, 14, 16-17, 21-22, 28, and 30-45.

The Applicants believe that a Notice of Appeal fee of \$500 is due in connection with this paper. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge this fee, and any other fees that may be required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>50-3562</u>.

Respectfully submitted,

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